

Fast Food Fax

JAN 26, 2004

Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Breast items and wings were in close balance and well cleared. Dark meat items were about adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Jan. 10, 2004

	FOOD SERVICE/			
	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	----
Total (000)	19,626	20,313	39,884	79,823
Percentage	25%	25%	50%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

<u>Live Weights</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weights</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	2,731	3.42
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	6,633	8.31
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	3,625	4.54
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.l	<u>6,637</u>	<u>8.31</u>
		19,626	24.58

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% *	(000)	% * *
Nov 22	203,078	101	156,686	101	194,994	102	159,201	102	151,254	96
Nov 29	207,122	102	164,879	102	193,272	102	157,538	102	118,334	78
Dec 06	202,883	101	167,042	103	195,796	102	160,277	103	154,912	131
Dec 13	206,418	102	166,780	102	194,961	101	158,893	101	153,501	99
Dec 20	206,340	103	170,156	103	196,586	102	160,248	103	154,431	101
Dec 27	205,370	102	167,849	103	187,654	101	153,838	101	113,075	73
Jan 03	206,254	101	167,988	102	190,111	105	155,730	105	134,816	119
Jan 10	206,536	101	166,997	103	192,300	101	156,694	101	158,835	118
Jan 17	207,059	102	166,475	102	201,007	102	164,411	102	157,478	99

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 01/26/04				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	73-76	73.58	72.26	56.39
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	66-69	69.54	68.57	55.49
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	75	74.84	74.45	65.90
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		72.54	69.79	60.13
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock 70.00)		69.64	69.02	61.31
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day Avg.		60.94	56.81	40.97

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
<u>Weekly Weighted Average</u>	<u>01/23/04</u>	<u>01/23/04</u>	<u>01/26/04</u>
Breast - B/S	162.40	174.10	181.00
Tenderloins	153.94	166.70	204.50 (Line run)
Breast - Line Run	93.16	93.86	95.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	30.73	28.99	33.00
Wings	113.38	114.53	116.00